



Steady Start to Seaway Shipping Season

Cornwall, Ontario (May 7, 2025) - Despite ongoing global economic uncertainties, early St. Lawrence Seaway activity highlights the stable movement of goods supporting North American trade.

The Seaway's 2025 navigation season is off to a good start, with traffic reaching 4.5 million tonnes at the end of April, a 3.7% increase compared to 2024. Strong movements of grain, dry and liquid bulk cargoes offset a slower start in iron ore and coal movements.

“We’re seeing steady performance, which is encouraging given today’s economic climate,” said Jim Athanasiou, President and CEO of the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation.

“With tariffs and other pressures still unfolding, it’s too early to know the full extent of what lies ahead. But the results to date suggest that the Seaway corridor continues to do its job, reliably and efficiently.”

For more details, view the [April monthly traffic results](#). Learn more about the Seaway by visiting www.seaway.ca.

About the St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation

The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (SLSMC) is a not-for-profit corporation that manages and operates the Canadian assets of the St. Lawrence Seaway. Established in 1998, the SLSMC works under a long-term agreement with Transport Canada to ensure the safe, efficient, and sustainable movement of goods through one of North America’s most important trade corridors. The Seaway plays a key role in connecting global markets, supporting economic growth, and advancing innovation in marine transportation. For more information, visit www.seaway.ca.